



Maadi Cup 2018

Dear parents, caregivers and students

It was good to see families here for the Term 1 Conferences last week. The tutor is the significant adult each student sees every morning. As students move through the school, usually with the same tutor, this strong, professional learning relationship forms a basis for navigating each year level and provides a strong sense of community within the tutor group. Students talking about their own learning puts them right at the centre of their education – as active participants. Over the time of the conferences it is always really positive to hear from students and parents that everyone feels very in touch with what is happening in each student's learning; that steps have been explored to help any particular needs, and that the year ahead has been looked at and plans made.

Thank you to those who took the opportunity to view the Board's Draft Masterplan and provide feedback. The consultation process will also include the Student Council providing feedback early next term. We are excited to be looking ahead to provide facilities that provide stimulating learning environments. We are in negotiation now with the Ministry, and hope to be able to start construction on the first priority in the plan – the redevelopment of L Block – by the end of this year.

Term 1 has been a very full term of activity around the School. The prefect team and Year 13 student leaders have already impressed the school community with their can-do attitude, their care for others and their enthusiasm. Many students are well underway with co-curricular activities and I would encourage any student who feels they would like to have a go at something to go ahead and find out some information and sign up. (The rider to that is that we certainly don't expect students to do a huge number of activities – there is no magic number – it's all very individual).

Starting on Page 8 you can see tremendous Tournament Week results – congratulations to everyone!

Next term we are looking forward to Ragtime – the EGGS/AGS Production, and next week Music rounds off the term with The Last Night of the Proms on Thursday evening.

This is the last edition of EGGSNEWS for the term – I hope everyone has a good final week next week and a relaxing holiday.

Lorraine Pound - Principal

Coming up in Week 11....

Tue 10 Apr	Open Day
Wed 11 Apr	OGA Annual Morning Tea
Thur 12 Apr	Last Night of the Proms
Fri 13 Apr	Last day of term

Coming up in Week 1, T2...

Mon 30 Apr	Term 2 begins
Thur 3 May	NCEA Information Evening

EDUCATION REVIEW

As part of the wide ranging Education reviews currently underway, the Ministry of Education have opened an online survey. The introduction reads:

Education should give every New Zealander the freedom and opportunity to be the best they can be. That's the education system we want for the future. But to achieve it we need your help.

Because education belongs to, and is about, all of us.

That's why we want all of you – children, young people, parents, teachers, employers, iwi, families and whānau – to have a conversation about building not just a better education system, but the world's best. Because second-best isn't good enough for our kids. Or for New Zealand.

Please go to
<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/>
to have your say.



NCEA

Notices

Our first file of entries and results have been sent to NZQA. This means that NCEA fees will now be charged to all students doing NCEA (mostly Year 11– Year 13).

The fee for domestic students is \$76.70 per candidate; \$383.30 for International fee paying students.

This fee will be included on your daughter's account which can be accessed via the EGGs Portal.

Fees need to be **paid** to the school **by the end of Term 3, Week 3 – Friday 10 August**. If fees are not paid to the school they will need to be paid directly to NZQA.

Can I get help to pay?

Financial assistance can be applied for if you are unable to afford the fees. To get this help parents or caregivers must meet one of the following conditions:

- be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit
- have a Community Services Card or have joint family income that qualifies for a Community Services Card
- have two or more children entered as candidates with fees more than \$200.

How do I get help to pay?

To get financial assistance please fill in a Financial Assistance form and give it to Mr Nowell, the Qualifications Manager. You can get this form from Student Support here at school or from the NZQA website at: www.nzqa.govt.nz/financialassistance

International fee-paying students are not eligible to apply for financial assistance.

Looking Ahead

NCEA Information Evening – Thursday 3 May at 7.00pm in the School Hall. This evening is designed for junior school families who are heading into the NCEA framework in the next year or so and those who are in the senior school but new to the NCEA, but all are welcome.

If you have any questions about NCEA that you would like included in the information evening please submit them here:

► [NCEA questions for Information Evening](#)

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

We would like to remind you that the winter uniform and sports uniforms are now available in the shop. Students may change to winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2. **Full winter uniform** is to be worn from **Monday 14th May** (Week 3).

Blazers are available for Year 11-13 students.

The Uniform Shop will be open in the School Holidays at the following times:

Wednesday 18th April	10.00am -2.30pm
Thursday 26th April	10.00am -2.30pm
Saturday 28th April	10.00am - 3.00pm

Normal hours during term time are:

Monday to Friday	11.05am - 11.25pm 12.00pm - 1.30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (Closed on Fridays in Term 3)	3.15pm - 4.00pm

Winter Uniform Prices:

Tunic	\$155.00
Blouse	\$55.00
Jersey	\$100.00
Tights	\$10.00
Netball Top	\$62.00
Netball Skirt	\$58.00
Scarf	\$30.00
Tracksuit Jacket/Raincoat.....	\$150.00
Tracksuit Pants	\$95.00
Blazer	\$220.00

CURRICULUM NEWS

Year 13 Biology

In Year 13 biology at present the girls are researching and gathering an informed opinion on a plethora of socio scientific issues. Two speakers have kindly given of their time for the girls.

Professor Peter Shepherd talked on the sugar tax and Pro Shelling, pictured here talked about pre implantation genetic diagnosis. Both speakers were challenged with very perceptive questions from the Year 13 biology students



Pop-up Globe Year 10 - *The Merchant of Venice*



What a fine day indeed for a spot of Shakespeare! Year 10 were treated to a lively and interactive performance from an all-male cast of the tragi-comedy *The Merchant of Venice*. It certainly provided the opportunity to take us back into the past and experience theatre as Shakespeare had intended.

The play was made all the more entertaining by the believable portrayals of female characters. Could we have disguised ourselves as boys with such success? We think not! The fact that the actors managed to alter their voices with such impressive skill is something that we were in awe of. Students, do not try this on your own at home! Vocal damage might ensue.

And the fact that the characters interacted with the audience, making us feel part of the action, is also worthy of note. We sometimes did not know where to look when they asked us questions, looking for our approval. We are not too sure what the playwright would have thought with the inclusion of twenty-first century language; we think that he would have approved! The smiles on the faces of Year 10 said it all!

With all the plot twists and comedy that you associate with a strong piece of drama, the Pop-Up Globe's *Merchant* also presented messages for us to mull over once we had returned to the hallowed halls of Epsom Girls. What better way for us to understand that the 'quality of mercy is not strained'!





ARTS & CULTURAL NEWS

EGGS/AGS Production RAGTIME - School Edition (12 - 19 May 2018)

Epsom Girls Grammar School and Auckland Grammar School are proud to present Ragtime, a sweeping epic capturing the American experience at the turn of the twentieth century. The musical tracks three diverse families in pursuit of the American Dream, exploring the worlds of a Jewish immigrant and his beloved daughter, a wealthy white couple, and an African American ragtime musician. Ragtime features many of the larger-than-life figures who shaped turn-of-the-century America, including Harry Houdini, Emma Goldman, J.P. Morgan, Evelyn Nesbit and Henry Ford.

The show presents a 'dream of what this country could be,' with the characters finding a way to live together as Americans, despite

their differences. Though Ragtime takes place over one hundred years in the past, its exploration of immigration, race, tolerance and the power of the human spirit will resonate deeply with audience members in 2018.

Tickets available from [iTicket](#) (on sale from 16th April)

Based on the novel Ragtime by E.L. Doctorow

Book by Terrence McNally

Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Music by Stephen Flaherty

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, Exclusive Agent for Music Theatre International

OGA NEWS

The OGA is looking forward to hosting our **Annual Morning Tea** at 10am on **Wednesday 11th April** – all EGGS Alumnae, new and old, are welcome to attend. We'll also be hosting a Reunion Luncheon for 1947/48 and 1957/58 third formers afterwards.

Email oga@eggs.school.nz to register or for more info.

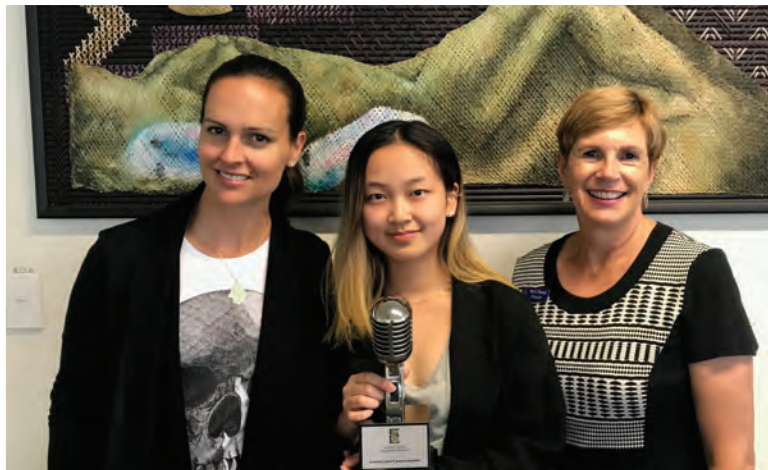
The OGA is not just for Auckland-based Old Girls, or even NZ-based. Our Alumnae live and work all over the world and we are really keen to rev up our International Reconnections, so if you know of any Alumnae based overseas, please do get them to contact us to make sure they are on our database. Also, we will be regularly profiling Old Girls living abroad in our OGA Newsletter so would love to hear from anyone in any corner of the world. No matter what they're up to, we want to hear about it! We're also considering how we can assist with organising reunions in far flung places so it would be great for anyone interested to get in touch with us.

Sally Blyth & Lynley Sheweiry

OGA Co-Presidents

EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

On 28 March Kiara Kong met with Nadine Levitt, the presenter of the wonderful scholarship for Epsom music graduates which Kara was the first recipient of at the end of 2017. Lorraine Pound was on hand to welcome Nadine too. We hope to have Nadine come and talk to students later this year.



Thursday April 12th 7.30pm
Adults \$15
Children \$10

Epsom Music Presents
LAST OF THE NIGHT OF THE PROMS

**with the EGGS Choirs, Bands and Orchestras,
and featuring audience sing-alongs**

Programme includes:
"Rule Britannia"
"Jerusalem"
"Land of Hope and Glory"

Join us for a great night of entertainment
Tickets from the EGGS Music Office
or book by calling 970 6744

FOUNDATION NEWS

Help us raise \$150,000 for innovative learning



The upgrading of our L Block into a flexible learning environment will be taking place at the end of this year. As the government will only fund the interior of the block, the school has to raise \$150,000 to extend the flexible learning environment to a multi-purpose outdoor space too. A space that will be used for breakout learning, meetings, individual and group work and covered recreational space for lunchtimes. With your generous support we can build the whole package.

Donations are coming in from the EGGS community already. Your support is a testament of your dedication to the advancement of education, your daughters' education, and for this we're very grateful.

All contributions, small or large, will make a valuable difference to our school.

A big thanks to the individuals listed below for their donations, October 2017-April 2018:

Valerie Berry
Madison Chang
Wendy Cotter
Anand Duvvuri
Adrienne Elliott
Julie Goodyer
Carol Guan
Sandra Haira

Tim Helliwell
Jo Kayes & Patrick Gladding
Sherry Grant
Kim Kake
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Amit Kumar
Yih-Liang Lai
Libby McLeay

Rachael McMahon
Bumika Medagamage
Preety Sehgal
Alan Wallath
Amelia Wong
Jack Yang

The long-term benefits

The outdoor area will:

- encourage creative and critical thinking
- optimise learning
- help better student achievement
- provide access to the winter sun's light and heat
- provide protection from summer heat and sun
- give shelter from the rain during all seasons

Donate today.

To make a contribution for any amount you choose please complete a [donation form](#).

Thank you for supporting EGGs.

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The NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment™ Memberships are nearly here! Pre-order today and you will receive **over \$200** of bonus Early Bird Offers!

SUPPORT US

Discover thousands of valuable 2-for-1 offers and Up to 50% OFF for many of the best restaurants, cafés, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much more – choose the style of Membership that suits you best.

For every Entertainment™ Membership sold, \$14 goes towards our fundraising at EGGs. In return you'll receive over \$20,000 in valuable offers you can use until 1 June, 2019.



Apply now, Heritage Fund Round 2

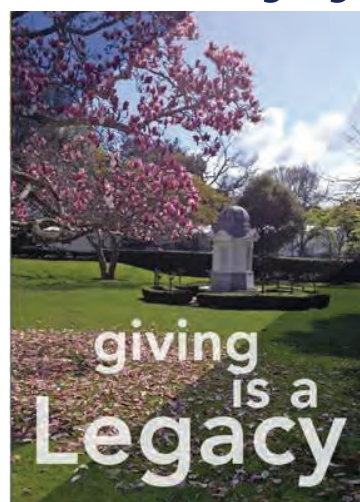
Don't forget the closing date for round 2 of the Heritage Fund is Friday 8 June and we welcome applications from all current students, teachers and groups.

For more information and to download an application form visit <http://www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/heritage-fund-grants.aspx>

Make a Gift to EGGs

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Leave a lasting legacy



If you would like to support the future success of Epsom Girls Grammar School in areas including education, sports facilities and resources, teaching and community benefit making a gift in your will is a unique way of reflecting your own interests, passion and vision. Whether you wish your gift to be made in memory of someone close to you, to carry on your own name in perpetuity or to be given anonymously, it is a gift with value that will make a difference to thousands of young women every year. Leave a lasting legacy.

Speak in confidence with the Foundation Office by phone 09 970 6753 or by email foundation@eggs.school.nz

We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information:

Download our [My Legacy](#) booklet

Visit www.eggs.school.nz/foundation/bequests.aspx

Mountain Biking



The EGGS MTB team have had a successful NZSS with the following placings:

3rd - Scarlett Buissink - U16 Girls

2nd - Poppy Buissink - U20 Girls

2nd U16 Relay - (Maia Barclay, Eliza Hickton and Kyla Tong)

2nd U20 Relay - (Scarlett Buissink, Poppy Buissink and Sarah Harvison)

Cycling

Congratulations to all of those who competed at the NZSS Track Cycling competition a couple of weeks ago.

Well done to the following students:

U17G - Ella Wyllie

Keirin - 2nd

Scratch - 2nd

Points - 2nd

Overall - 2nd

U15G - Bee Townsend

515 - Derby 4th

Scratch - 1st

Points - 1st

U16 Team Sprint - Lily & Bee 4th

U20 Team Sprint - Ella & Bee 4th

U20 Team Pursuit - Ella, Annabel, Lily, Bee 4th



Rowing - MAADI Cup

34 students travelled down to the South Island to compete at the MAADI Cup at Lake Ruataniwha for 10 days. The team had an outstanding campaign and came away with the following results:

GOLD - GU17 4+: Jade Raby, Jane Schellekens, Fenella Hemi, Issy Meikle, Stella Humberstone-Hurley (cox)

SILVER - GU16 8+: Daisy Forsythe, Tayla Morgan, Jaime Breen, Sarah Bell, Anna Millar, Jade Fon, Mila Breenan, Sophia Meikle, Georgia Battin (cox)

SILVER - GU17 8+: Jade Raby, Jane Schellekens, Tayla Morgan, Jaime Breen, Fenella Hemi, Charlotte Connor, Zoe Millar, Issy Meikle, Stella Humberstone-Hurley (cox)

Both GU18 8+ crews received top ten badges in the event, 4th and 10th in NZ!





Congratulations to Jade Raby, Issy Meikle and Fenella Hemi who have received a Rowing NZ North Island U18 Trial!

Thank you to the coaches and parents for supporting the team this season.

Photo Credit: Rowing Celebration and Epsom Rowing Parents

Ultimate Frisbee



A young EGGS team headed away to Taupo to compete in the NZSS Championships, they missed out by 1 goal in the semi-final and ended up placing 3rd overall. Congratulations to the team!

Cricket



The EGGS Cricket team had a shaky start to their New Zealand qualifying tournament losing their first two games on day one. The students did really well to pick themselves back up, won their semi-final against Dio, and went on to meet Takapuna Grammar in the final. EGGS bowled first holding Takapuna to a low score of 78/8 after 20 overs, EGGS went on to win the final chasing the runs down in the 12th over.

Winning this tournament means EGGS has qualified for the 4th straight year to attend Nationals and gives them a chance to defend their 2017 title! Congratulations to the team!

Dragon Boating



23 EGS students competed at the NZSS regatta in Ashburton and successfully came away the following medals:

Gold in 200m 10 person Boat

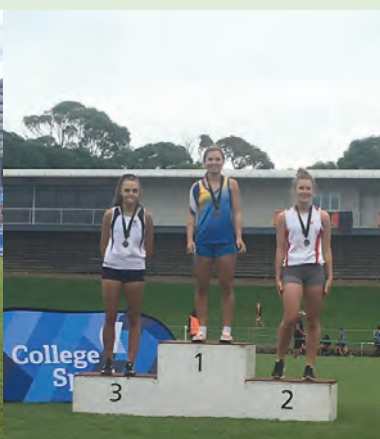
Gold in 500m 10 person Boat

Bronze 500m 20 person Boat

Well done team!

Athletics

Congratulations to all students who competed at the Auckland Champs of Champs Athletics Competition last Thursday.



Well done to the following students who placed:

Samara Kake - 3rd Junior High Jump

Ana Manuopangai - 2nd Junior Shot Put

Jorien Fourie - 1st Intermediate 80m Hurdles and 1st Intermediate 300m Hurdles

Grace Wilson - 3rd Senior 800m

Catrin Dawson - 3rd Senior 1500m

Touch

Congratulations to our Senior EGGS Touch team who placed first in the Senior Central Zones competition and were undefeated all season!



WHAT'S ON?

FOR EVENT LISTINGS, GO TO OUR WEBSITE
www.rayefreedmanarts.co.nz



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